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SUBJECT: EMBASSY SAYS NIGERIA'S SUPPORT FOR BRV'S UNSC BID  
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Classified By: Political Counselor Robert Downes for reasons 1.4 (d).

¶1. (U) Venezuela's Vice-Minister for Africa Reinaldo Bolivar met February 24 with Nigeria's Ambassador to Venezuela Samson Ayodole Adepoju. Following the meeting, the Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported Adepoju saying he believed Venezuela would be accepted as a non-permanent member of the UNSC and that Nigeria might vote in the BRV's favor. In addition to the UNSC, Adepoju and Bolivar reportedly discussed the creation of a Mixed Commission on energy, education, science, tourism, commerce, culture and defense comprised of ministry representatives from both countries. Bolivar suggested a meeting in Caracas later this year to prepare for the inauguration of the Nigerian-Venezuelan Mixed Commission, which is expected to take place in Abuja during 2007.

¶2. (C) Poloff spoke with Nigerian Political Counselor Iad Nuhu on February 24 who confirmed that the Nigerian government was seeking to increase bilateral relations with the Venezuela government. Although BRV officials may be counting Nigeria's vote, Nuhu commented, the Nigerian government had made no definite decision on whether or not to support Venezuela's UNSC bid.  
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